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COMMENTS ON AFRICAN BROADCASTS MONITORING

There are a number of reasons why the United States intelligence community should be better informed about Soviet and Egyptian broadcasts concerning Africa.

For over two years the USSR has been engaged in a major project of African studies, including language, literature, ethnography, history, and economics. It is tailored, among other things, for the production of propaganda in USSR as well as in Africa but except for Swahili the African language barrier has not been broken as yet. It is well known to Soviet propagandists that they must broadcast in the dozens of dialects of the African peoples in order to pave the way for successful missions of scientists, economists, engineers, and bankers, and this goal is now being actively pursued.

Nasser is currently interested in establishing his influence and control over much of Africa. Combined with not-so-latent nationalism, this effort parallels that of USSR in attempting to reach the "little man" and in eliminating Western influence. It is a known fact that coordination of these efforts is controlled by Soviet interests resident in Cairo rather than Moscow.

These propaganda campaigns constitute a major effort to influence Africa against the West. If the West is to make a successful bid in Africa it must know the propaganda targets and arguments of the opposition, whether such propaganda is sponsored by the USSR, by Nasser, or a combination of both.

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